

### Remarks

Claims 1-12 and 26-62 were rejected and claims 13-25 were objected to in the above-captioned Office Action. Various claims are amended herein without prejudice. Claim 63 is newly added. Claims 1-11 and 34-62 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested. No new matter is added.

### *Claim Objections*

Claim 2 is objected to for various reasons. Claim 2 is canceled herein without prejudice. Therefore these objections are moot.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112*

Claims 12-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly lacking written support in the specification. This recitation from claim 12 that allegedly lacks support has been deleted from claim 12, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 48, 55, and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph for allegedly lacking written support in the specification. These claims have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 1-12 and 26-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over various references. To expedite prosecution, claims 1-11 and 34-62 are canceled herein without prejudice. Thus, the rejections of claim 1-11 and 34-62 are moot.

Claim 12 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously recited in claim 13. The present Office Action indicated that claim 13 would be allowable but for its dependence on a rejected base claim. It is therefore submitted that amended claim 12 is allowable at least for the same reason that previous claim 13 was deemed allowable. Claims 26-33 depend

from claim 12, and it is submitted that these claims are also allowable at least for their dependence on claim 12.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 13-25 were objected to for being allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim. Claim 13 is canceled herein without prejudice. And it submitted that claims 14-25 are allowable at least because of their dependence on claim 12 for reasons described above.

*New Claim*

Claim 63 is added herein. It is submitted that claim 63 is in a condition for allowance at least because of its dependence on claim 12.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 407-1542 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1542. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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